

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

September 14, 2005

The Honorable Joshua B. Bolten
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Bolten:

We know that you are currently deciding what information will be contained in the weekly funding reports required by law in the second Katrina supplemental (P. L. 109-62). Since we have not been consulted about what will be contained in these reports, the purpose of this letter is to lay out the type of information and level of detail that we would view as appropriate. It is imperative that the Executive Branch provide the Congress with sufficient information so that it can determine whether taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely and efficiently.

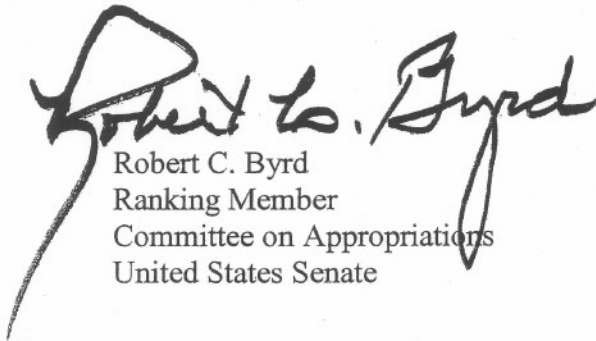
At a minimum, the following information should be provided to the Committees on Appropriations:

- Detailed information on every obligation, allocation, or expenditure that totals more than \$50 million, broken down in no less than \$50 million increments. The detailed information should include: the purpose; whether the work will be performed by the government or a contractor; and, if the work is performed by a contractor, the name of the contractor, the type of contract let (fixed-price, cost-plus), and whether the contract was sole-source, full and open competition, or limited competition.
- The amount of credit card purchases by agency/mission assignment.
- Weekly obligations, allocations, and expenditures by agency and state, and by purpose/mission assignment (for example, public assistance, debris removal, etc.).
- Weekly status of the disaster relief fund, including unexpended balance, unobligated balance, and unallocated balance.
- Information on any waivers granted.

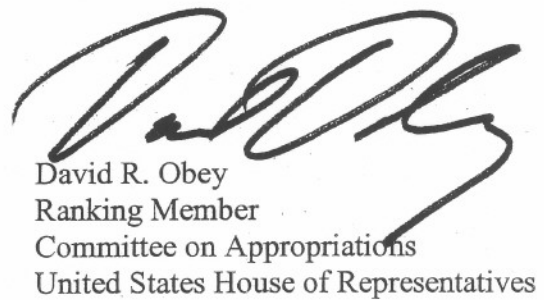
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We hope that you will agree with our request and provide the information outlined above to the Appropriations Committees on a weekly basis.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate



David R. Obey
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives

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